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LETTER DATED 8 MAY 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ANGOLA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to request that the "Amnesty Law" approved today by the National Assembly of the Republic of Angola and promulgated by the President of the Republic be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Afonso VAN-DUNEM "MBINDA"
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Annex

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Taking into account the need to definitely attain peace as the fundamental factor of national reconciliation;

Taking into account the need to underline the spirit of tolerance and to guarantee harmonious fraternity between Angolan citizens;

Bearing in mind the urgency to create a legal framework within the general principles of national reconciliation contained in the Lusaka Protocol;

In these terms, under line H of article 88 of the Constitution, the National Assembly approved the following:

LAW OF AMNESTY

Article 1

Amnesty is granted for all crimes against the internal security of the State and all related crimes committed by national citizens in the framework of the armed conflict, beginning 31 May 1991 up to the date of approval of the present Law.

Article 2

Amnesty is granted for all military crimes committed in the referred period as prescribed in article 1.

Article 3

All legislation that contradicts the present Law is null and void.

Article 4

The present Law enters into force on the date of its publication.

Seen and approved by the National Assembly

(Signed) Fernando Jose de Franca Dias Van-Dunem
President of the National Assembly

(Signed) Jose Eduardo dos Santos
President of the Republic

8 May 1996